

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 1 to 11: (canceled).

12 (currently amended): A steel pipe pole base reinforced with ~~shaped~~ tabular ribs welded to said steel pipe pole base in the form of a T-joint, characterized by having ultrasonic peening processed portions at weld toes, wherein the peened processed portions for the ~~shaped~~ tabular ribs is a portion located from an upper end portion of the ~~shaped~~ tabular ribs to at least 10mm downward from the upper end portion ~~and wherein the shaped ribs have a center line and the peened processed portion for the shaped ribs is a region extending at a central angle on both sides of the center line, wherein the central angle is in the range of about 30 to 60 degrees.~~

Claim 13: (canceled).

14 (currently amended): A method for reinforcing a steel pipe pole base according to claim 12 or ~~13~~ 17, characterized by applying peening treatment to weld toes by ultrasonic vibration after said ribs are welded to said steel pipe pole base in the form of the T-joint.

15 (previously presented): A method for reinforcing a steel pipe pole base according to claim 14, characterized by applying peening treatment to said weld toes by ultrasonic vibration while an external load is imposed on said steel pipe pole base so as to impose a tensile stress in the direction of the steel pipe axis on base material in the region subjected to said peening treatment.

Claim 16: (canceled).

17 (new): A steel pipe pole base reinforced with inverted-U or inverted-V shaped ribs welded to said steel pipe pole base in the form of a T-joint,

characterized by having ultrasonic peening processed portions at weld toes, wherein the peened processed portions for the shaped ribs is a portion located from an upper end portion of the shaped ribs to at least 10 mm downward from the upper end portion and wherein the shaped ribs have a center line and the peened processed portion for the shaped ribs is a region extending at a central angle on both sides of the center line, wherein the central angle is in the range of about 30 to 60 degrees.

18 (new): A steel pipe pole base according to claim 17, wherein the central angle on both sides of the center line is about 45 degrees.